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our community, and was highly and universally esteemed by men of all denominations. He possessed an excellent mind, sound judgment, and above all a religious and moral character of special excellence. He was an instructive and edifying preacher, entirely natural in his manner, and often, when the fire burned within him, truly eloquent in the highest and best sense. He seemed to have devoted his whole soul to the work of saving sinners, and promoting the principles and progress of the Redeemer's kingdom. He was an early and fearless advocate of universal liberty, and an enemy of oppression in every form. In short Mr. Johnston was a rare example of an humble, faithful, and successful minister of Christ, and "blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing." The news of his early departure was to me a sincere affliction, for "a very pleasant brother indeed had he been to me." Yet ought we not to mourn that he was so soon released from the trials of earth; for he has been advanced to a higher and more extended field of usefulness and enjoyment in the kingdom of our Divine Master."

**KING, JAMES S.**—The son of James and Harriet King, was born at Albany, N. Y., August 20, 1832. He was educated in New Jersey College, Princeton, N. J., and studied Theology in Princeton Seminary, N. J. He was licensed by New York Presbytery, and in 1858 ordained by the same Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Rockland Lake church, New York, where he was quite successful and greatly beloved by his people. But failing health compelled him to withdraw from the active duties of the pastorate. This trial was a severe one, for though surrounded by the allurements of wealth, he resisted the temptation to a life of ease and was earnestly anxious to spend his life in active service in his Master's cause.

During the period of his necessitated rest he was ever ready, and counted it a privilege, as strength permitted and opportunity offered, to exercise his office. In all this season his most earnest desire and daily prayer seemed to be for health to resume his work. But God, in his providence, has appointed otherwise. The Master had for his servant another field yet more honorable and glorious than any which earth could offer. In the very midst of his days he was called to rest from his labors here, and to make trial for himself of that Christian hope, and of those consolations of the gospel which it had been his joy to proclaim to others.

He removed a few years ago to Woodlawn near Sing-Sing, New York, where he died of Consumption, September 15, 1864.

He married Miss Cornelia Remsen, who, with one child, survives him.

Rev. **WILSON PHRANER**, of Sing-Sing, N. Y., writes of him as follows:—  
"A most worthy and estimable minister, of good talents, and greatly desirous to be useful, surrounded with affluence, he nevertheless consecrated himself to the work of the ministry in which he was found faithful until laid aside by silence. It was a great trial to him that he could not longer labor in the work he loved, but he submitted meekly to the will of God, and died in the hope of acceptance through our Lord Jesus Christ, and was beloved and lamented by all who knew him. He was a good man and true to his convictions of duty."

**KOLLOCK, D. D., SHEPARD KOSCIUSCO**—The son of Shepard and Susannah Kollock, was born in Elizabeth, N. J., June 25, 1795. His ancestors were Huguenots who were driven into Germany. A portion of the family emigrated to America. One settled in Massachusetts, the other in Delaware. The family of Dr. Kollock is descended from the Delaware

branch. This was a remarkable family. The father lived till he was eighty-eight and the mother to the age of ninety years. They had nine children, the eldest was the Rev. Dr. Henry Kollock, one of the most effective and powerful pulpit orators of his time. Four of the daughters married ministers of the gospel—one to the late John McDowell, D.D., one to the late William A. McDowell, D.D., one to the late John Witherspoon, and one to Rev. Dr. Joseph Holdich, Secretary of the American Bible Society, New York. The eldest daughter was the wife of the late Chief Justice Frederick Nash, of North Carolina, a gentleman of high intellectual qualities and great social worth.

His father having been an officer in the Revolutionary army, and greatly admiring the personal and military character of Kosciusko, gave the name of that lover of liberty, together with his own, to his youngest son. In childhood Shepard was carefully instructed in the truths of Christianity. He was prepared for college by the Rev. Dr. Henry Mills, afterwards Professor in Auburn Seminary, New York. He entered New Jersey College, Princeton, N. J., in September 1809. In September, 1811, he took his Bachelor's degree with high honors. Up to this time he had lived without Christ, an alien from the commonwealth of Israel, a stranger from the covenants of promise. During the year succeeding the end of his college life, it pleased God to grant a remarkable revival to the Presbyterian church in Mr. Kollock's native town. During this revival he gave his soul to the subject of religion. He continued in a state of deep anxiety for nearly two months, when he settled down in a peaceful state of mind, hoping in the Saviour."

Not long after his change, and by his long life so well proven to have been a genuine conversion, he commenced the study of divinity under the direction of Dr. John McDowell, of Elizabeth, N. J. He completed those studies under the instruction of his brother, Dr. Henry Kollock, of Savannah, Geo., and was licensed by South Carolina Presbytery in June, 1814, when he was hardly nineteen years of age. From the first, Mr. Kollock's preaching was more or less blessed. Even a short lecture which he had prepared as a Presbyterian exercise, on the words, "Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" (Isaiah xl. 9,) was blessed to the remarkable conversion of a rich, proud Unitarian merchant, who went to hear him on a wet evening, when but few attended.

Having preached considerably in Georgia, Mr. Kollock visited the State of North Carolina, where he soon received a call to become the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Oxford, N. C. He accepted this call, was ordained by Orange Presbytery May 2, 1818. Having served this church, and other parts of Granville County, N. C., with zeal and acceptance for a short time, he was chosen professor of rhetoric and logic in the University of that State. Here, besides his official duties as preacher, he also labored much in neighboring congregations. In 1825 he was called to the pastoral care of the Presbyterian church in Norfolk, Virginia, and by the Presbytery of Hanover was duly installed. Here he had for co-presbyters such men as John H. Rice, Benjamin H. Rice, William J. Armstrong, John Kirkpatrick, James Turner, William S. Reid, and other men whose praise was in all the churches. He remained pastor of this church about ten years. His labors were abundant, and accompanied with considerable success. He then returned to New Jersey, and for three years was the successful agent of the Board of Domestic Missions. After this he became pastor of the Presbyterian church in Burlington. Again, in 1848, he took charge of the church in Greenwich, West Jersey. In 1860 he removed to

Philadelphia, and by the Trustees of the General Assembly was placed upon a foundation created by the late Elias Boudinot for the support of a preacher to the benevolent institutions of this city. As long as he was able, he faithfully discharged his duties in this office; his health failing, he died April 7, 1865.

Mr. Kollock was twice married—first to Miss Sarah Littlejohn, of Oxford, N. C. This lady died in 1827; his second was Miss Sarah Harris, of Norfolk, Va., who died in 1859. Several children survive them.

MAGIE, D.D., DAVID—The son of Michael and Mary (Meeker) Magie, was born in a quiet rural home near Elizabeth, N. J., March 13, 1795.\* His whole life was passed amid the scenes of his childhood and among the same people. His ancestors were of Scotch origin and strongly attached to Presbyterian principles and order. They impressed upon their children by their holy example and devout life the truths of religion. It was the unvarying custom of the father to call them around him every Sabbath and go regularly through the Shorter Catechism. This excellent form of sound words was thoroughly imprinted on his memory and soon began to do its office on his heart. In his sixteenth year his father died, and his mother was left with five children, of whom he was the oldest.

In June, 1813, he made a profession of his faith during a revival of religion. He had often felt a desire to be a minister, and at this time these feelings returned and became strong and influential, but the circumstances of the family deterred him. The whole care of the farm devolved upon him. By the advice of his friends he resolved to begin at once, and commenced recitation in the Latin Grammar to his pastor, the late John McDowell, D.D.

It would be interesting to trace the course of this youthful pupil during his whole career. Early bereft of his father and inured to the hardships of a farmer's life with small opportunities of early education, the probabilities of eminence were faint indeed. His habits of industry and the grace of God on which to lean enabled him to live a useful life.

He entered New College, Princeton, N. J., in the autumn of 1815, where he was graduated with honor, and in the autumn of 1817 he commenced the study of Theology in the Princeton Seminary. At the end of the first year he was solicited by the Faculty of New Jersey College to accept the office of tutor, where he remained two years, and then resumed his study of Theology in the Seminary, and having completed a full course he was licensed by Jersey Presbytery. About this period the subject of the Second Presbyterian church of Elizabeth was under consideration, the First church then under the care of John McDowell, D.D., was full to overflowing. It was this fact led to the organization of the Second church. On leaving the Seminary he was invited to become their stated supply. This was accepted, and on the first Sabbath of October, 1820, he began his labors among this people. He was ordained and installed by Jersey Presbytery, April 24, 1821. This was his only pastoral charge.

"For nearly *forty-five years* has this venerable man of God been going out and in before this people, breaking unto them the bread of eternal life. The growth of the church under his ministrations has not been rapid, but remarkably regular and constant. The increase has been gradual. Beginning with forty-one members it has now between five and six hundred.

\* This sketch is taken from a Memorial Discourse delivered by Rev. DAVID H. PIERSON, of Elizabethtown, N. J.